

Compound-Complex Sentences

7d. A **compound-complex sentence** contains two or more independent clauses and at least one subordinate clause.

INDEPENDENT CLAUSES I will decorate for the party
you can prepare the food

SUBORDINATE CLAUSE when we get to my house

COMPOUND-COMPLEX SENTENCE When we get to my house, I will decorate for the party, and you can prepare the food.

EXERCISE In each of the following compound-complex sentences, underline the independent clauses once and the subordinate clause or clauses twice.

Example 1. Jane was late to the party, as I predicted, and Ron came too early.

1. When we planned our holiday party, we planned a small one, and we invited only a few friends.
2. We were expecting about eight people, but we were very surprised when ten extra guests showed up.
3. Luckily, we found out about the extra people in time; we raced to the grocery store just before it closed.
4. We got carried away and bought plenty of extra food; we were certain that most of our guests would be hungry.
5. Because we all like raw vegetables, we included them in the menu; our guests appreciated them.
6. My friend Dennis is outgoing and creative, so I asked him to plan some group games that we would all enjoy.
7. The Wilson twins, who are not identical, arrived together, but they left with different friends after the party.
8. Before the party began, I borrowed a collection of CDs from friends, and I set up a CD player.
9. The music that I chose was a hit, and everyone enjoyed dancing to it.
10. Since they enjoyed the evening so much, Wayan and J.C. stayed afterward; they stacked dishes and bagged trash with me.